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TAGS: PINS 12

REF: BAGHDAD 380

SUBJECT: COUP ATTEMPT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR	
REVIEWED BY <u>RL Douel/JE</u>	DATE <u>4/30/86</u>
Classification <u>Extended</u>	
ROS ☐ or XDS ☐	EXT. DATE <u>04/11/86</u>
IS AUTH. <u>J. Burke</u>	REASON(S) <u>CDC Memo</u>
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐	<u>7/13/83</u>
DECLASSIFIED ☐	RELEASABLE ☐
RELEASE DENIED ☒	<u>IN PART</u>
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS: <u>B1, A9</u>	

1. THIS MESSAGE SENT JULY 5. BAGHDAD NORMAL SINCE JULY 1 EXCEPT FOR EXTRA SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT NIGHT. NO FURTHER INFO ON PLOT RELEASED AND EVEN IRAQIS PUZZLED. FOLLOWING ITEMS SEEM SIGNIFICANT: PRESIDENT BAKR HAS MADE ONLY ONE BRIEF PUBLIC APPEARANCE AND NO STATEMENT. MIN INT GHAIIDAN BARELY MENTIONED IN PRESS AND REPORTEDLY UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN MEDICAL CITY. SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE IS HEADED BY SAAD OUN SHAKER, DIRECTOR PARTY SECRET POLICE. OTHER MEMBERS ARE KADHI MUSLEM UNKNOWN AND ABDUL SAMAD ABDUL HAMID, FORMER MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE. SPECIAL COURT HEADED BY MINAGR AND RCC MEMBER IZZAT DOURI. OTHER TWO ARE TAQAAB MAOAMIN, MEMBER OF RCC PUBLIC RELATIONS BUREAU, AND KHALI LIBRA HIMAL-AZZAMI, UNKNOWN. NAZEM KZAR IS THIRTY TWO LDM FORMER COMMUNIST; WHO REPORTED TO BE REGIMES MOST RUTHLESS SECRET POLICEMAN. REPORT THAT ALI RIDAH OF SAATA PRB ALSO ARRESTED. GUR AMBASSADOR STRONG SUPPORTER OF OFFICIAL VERSION. SOVIET AMBASSADOR LEFT FOR MOSCOW JULY 1.

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2. COMMENT: TRIAL EXPECTED TO BE SHORT, SECRET AND FINISHED
BEFORE JULY 14 CELEBRATIONS. MOTIVES BEHIND COUP REMAIN
UNKNOWN BUT SADDAM HUSSAIN SRIKL APPEARS BIG WINNER.
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